

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice, and amend claims 2-4, 9, 10, 12, and 13 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device

to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising:

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion, the elastic fixing member having an attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is attached and a non-attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is not attached,

wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in mass than the attachment portion thereof,

A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 1, wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in thickness than the attachment portion thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion, the elastic fixing member having an attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is attached and a non-attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is not attached,

wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in mass than the attachment portion thereof,

~~A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 1,~~ wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in width than the attachment portion thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion, the elastic fixing member

having an attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is attached and a non-attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is not attached,

wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in mass than the attachment portion thereof,

~~A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 1,~~ wherein the attachment portion of the elastic fixing member has holes formed therein.

5. (Previously Presented) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion,

wherein the cross-sectional area changing member attached to the elastic fixing member has through holes formed therein.

6. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 5, wherein the holes have openings facing to the cavity.

7. (Previously Presented) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion, the elastic fixing member having an attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is attached and a non-attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is not attached,

wherein a mass adjusting element is continuously provided on the non-attachment portion along the circumferential direction throughout the full length of the non-attachment portion.

8. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 7, wherein the mass adjusting element is formed from an element having a density that is five time greater or more than an apparent density of the cross-sectional area changing member.

9. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of claims 1, ~~52-5~~ and 7, having regions formed when the tire cavity resonance restricting device is equally sectioned into thirty-six regions at given positions around a circumference of the elastic fixing member in the form of a ring along a

direction of the circumference, the regions including one region having a maximum mass M_a and one region having a minimum mass M_b , a mass ratio M_a/M_b being one to ten.

10. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of claims ~~1, 52-5~~ and 7, wherein the elastic fixing member is formed from a belt-shaped band made of metal or resin.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of claims ~~1, 52-5~~ and 7, wherein the cross-sectional area changing member is formed of a sponge.

13. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire having a tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of claims ~~1, 52-5~~ and 7.